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STATE OF NEW JERSEY Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102

IN THE MATTER OF THE INTERIM (CUSTOMER -SITED RENEWABLE ENERGY) PROGRAM PROJECTS - GROUP 1 (Customer)

ENERGY ORDER DOCKET NO. EO01040227

(Service List Attached)

BY THE BOARD

On December 4, 2000, the Board issued an Order dedicating \$10 million in funding for new energy efficiency and customer-sited renewable energy programs as an interim step prior to issuance of a final decision addressing the Comprehensive Resource Analysis (CRA), Docket Nos. EX99050347, EO99050348, EO99050349, EO99050350, EO99050351, GO99050352, GO99050353, GO99050354. In this Order, the Board determined that the allocation of funding for energy efficiency and customer-sited renewable energy programs was 75%, or \$7.5 million and 25%, or \$2.5 million, respectively.

As a result of the December 4, 2000 Order, the Board received applications for renewable energy projects. While there were no programs addressing renewable energy projects, under the Board approved Demand-Side Management plans, energy efficiency programs were to be continued until replaced, and therefore are currently ongoing. The Board issued a subsequent CRA Order dated March 7, 2001, addressing the program implementation guidelines for the interim funding, while also increasing that funding from \$10 million to \$15 million. Of that amount, 25% (\$3.75 million) was to be allocated to customer-sited renewable energy programs and 75% (\$11.25 million) was to be allocated to energy efficiency programs. Although the Board finalized its entire decision on CRA at the same time, the Board also recognized that the utilities would need some time, albeit brief, to establish these new programs. The interim funding could assist the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries during that transition period.

Board Staff began receiving applications on November 8, 2000, for funding of customer-sited renewable energy projects. These applications have been reviewed for compliance with the Interim Guidelines Order and where deficiencies existed, Staff requested additional information. Staff has completed its review of several of these applications and any requested supplemental information and found the following six projects to be in compliance with the program guidelines

set forth by the Board.

<u>Applicant</u>	Type of Project	Fund Reservation Amount
David Sims David Sims Vincent Smilowitz Brian Funkhauser Brian Funkhauser Jeffrey Bunce	Photovoltaic Wind Photovoltaic Photovoltaic Wind Wind	\$ 50,000 \$ 38,400 \$ 30,000 \$ 50,000 \$ 38,400 \$ 27,570
Total		\$234,370

Based on the foregoing, the Board <u>HEREBY APPROVES</u> funding for these six projects totaling \$234,370 and <u>DIRECTS</u> Staff to issue a letter approving reservation of funds for the projects listed above.

DATED: April 27, 2001 BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

BY: (SIGNED)

CAROL J. MURPHY ACTING PRESIDENT

(SIGNED)

FREDERICK F. BUTLER COMMISSIONER

ATTEST: (SIGNED)

FRANCES L. SMITH BOARD SECRETARY